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E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: VISITING DUTCH CORRESPONDENT

1. APPRECIATE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR LOUIS VELLEMAN, LONDON CORRESPONDENT FOR VARA, DUTCH LABOR PARTY BROADCASTING ORGANIZATION AND VRIJE VOLK, ROTTERDAM-BASED, INDEPENDENT LEFT DAILY. VELLEMAN WILL HEAD VARA TEAM WHICH WILL FOLLOW TO COVER MASS. AND FLORIDA PRIMARIES. WILL ALSO WRITE FOR VRIJE VOLK.

2. VELLEMAN TRAVELLING WASHINGTON O/A FEBRUARY 14 FOR TEN DAYS OR TWO WEEKS. WILL THEN GO TO BOSTON THRU PRIMARY AND THEN TO FLORIDA. MAY FOLLOW UP WITH VISITS OTHER US CITIES BEFORE RETURN. ALSO PLANNING COVER CALIF. PRIMARY, POST-CONVENTION ELECTION CAMPAIGN, AND IMMEDIATE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD. CURRENT PLANS DO NOT CALL FOR CONVENTION COVERAGE.

3. NO SPOT OR FAST COVERAGE PRIMARIES PLANNED, BUT HOPES TO DO BACKGROUNDS AND STUDIES QUOTE MOOD AMERICAN ELECTORATE UNQUOTE.

4. VELLEMAN EXPERIENCED CORRESPONDENT WHO HAS BEEN IN LONDON PAST 4-5 YEARS. PREVIOUSLY IN BRUSSELS MORE THAN 10 YEARS. SHORT STINTS IN U.S. BUT NOT COVERING U.S. POLITICS.

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KNOWLEDGEABLE AND THOUGHTFUL.

5. IF POSSIBLE VELLEMAN WOULD LIKE ATTEND ANY SEMINAR, BRIEFING OR BACKGROUNDER PLANNED BY IOP/FW OR ANY SIMILAR PROGRAM ARRANGED BY OTHER ORGANIZATION WHILE HE IN WASHINGTON. WOULD LIKE MEETINGS WITH FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION, RICHARD SCAMMON, BEN WATTENBERG, GENO BARONE, REP. AND DEM. PARTY HEADQUARTERS, AND CANDIDATES' STAFF AS POSSIBLE. WELCOMES OTHER POSSIBLE ELECTION BACKGROUND CONSULTATION SUGGESTIONS.

6. VELLEMAN WILL VISIT FOREIGN PRESS CENTER SOON AFTER ARRIVAL. WILL ALSO CALL STATE DEPT. DESK OFFICER SHIRLEY. STIER

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